



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Development Commission

At its meeting held April 18, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Burke:

“The Administration’s Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 budget proposes a 25% reduction to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

“The CDBG Program, which was enacted in 1974, has provided the Los Angeles Urban County with funding for vital housing and community and economic development programs for the past 32 years. However, over the last several years, the County’s CDBG allocation has steadily decreased due to reductions in Federal appropriations and increases in the number of set-asides. Since FFY 2001, CDBG Program formula funding has declined from \$4.4 billion to \$3.7 billion in FFY 2006.

“The Administration’s FFY 2007 budget proposes to cut formula grants by 25 percent, which would result in a devastating impact on the low- and moderate-income residents served by the Program. We urge Congress to fund CDBG formula grants in FFY 2007 at a level of at least \$4.3 billion.

“Over the past five years, CDBG funds in the Urban County have been used to rehabilitate over 8,500 housing units, create and preserve over 2,060 jobs, remove over 41 million square feet of graffiti, and help provide loans and technical assistance to over 7,000 small businesses among other programs.”

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Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Burke, and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Burke being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of the retention of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in its current structure within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and in support of funding the CDBG formula Program in Federal Fiscal Year 2007 at a level of at least \$4.3 billion; and
2. Instructed the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission to:
 - Work with the County's Legislative Advocates in Washington, D.C., the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, national organizations, cities, and community-based organizations, to support the County's positions on the CDBG Program; and
 - Send a five-signature letter to President Bush, the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, and the chairs and ranking minority members of Congressional committees and subcommittees with jurisdiction over the CDBG Program communicating the County's positions.

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